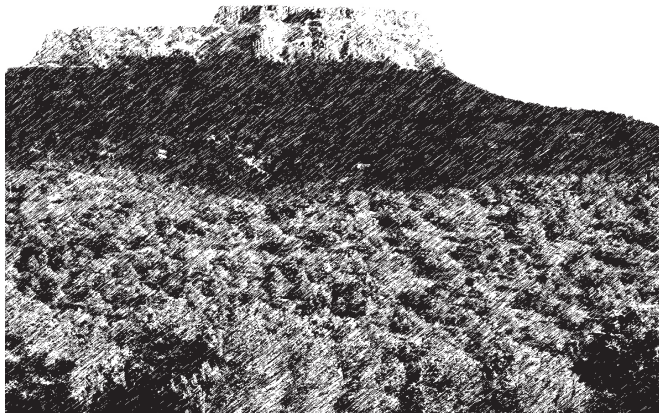


# OVER THE PASS

## TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

### “What’s your favorite sport to watch?”

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News



“Football. I’ve grown up watching it. I grew up an avid Denver Broncos fan and will die a Denver Broncos fan, win or lose. I appreciate the concerted effort it takes to win the game, or to lose with dignity. Peyton Manning’s my hero.”

— Pam Seneff, realtor/owner, Home Associates, Inc. (Raton)



“Baseball. I enjoy most sports, but baseball incorporates everything. It can be played by us little guys. You don’t have to be a giant. And there’s no time limit.”

— “Billy D” Donati, owner, KRTN (Raton)



“Extreme downhill mountain biking. I do it myself and I like watching it ‘cause it’s the coolest sport. It’s exciting. We do it at Angel Fire.”

— Nolan Gabrielson, 2nd grade, Hoehne (Trinidad)



“None. Zero. Nilcho. Because most of them are stupid and many of them are brutal. I watch movies, and TV shows on disc.”

— Dale Brown, retired nurse (Trinidad)



“I don’t have a favorite sport. I’m not sporty. I ride my horse. I don’t want to watch life, I want to live life.”

— Peggy Ferguson (Raton)



“Downhill skiing. It’s our family passion. We try to ski every weekend, then we enjoy watching video of it.”

— Karl Gabrielson, COO, Mt. Carmel (Trinidad)

## FIERCE RIVALRY



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The Trinidad Miners football team celebrates their 47-0 victory over the Raton Tigers in the annual Coal Bucket Game Friday night at Miners Stadium. The Miners are 4-5 against the Tigers since the rivalry was renewed in 2006.

## Miners shut out Raton, bring Coal Bucket back to Trinidad

By Adam Sperandio  
The Chronicle-News

After falling short of winning the Coal Bucket last season, the Trinidad Miners made sure they got the job done this year, in shut-out fashion, as they defeated the Raton Tigers at Miner Stadium on Friday night by a final score of 47-0 to bring the coveted Coal Bucket back home to Trinidad.

Quarterback Vance Ferraro and running back Ethan Duran gave Miners fans a glimpse of what they have to look forward to for the next three years as the sophomores combined for five touchdowns on the night while helping the offense chew up over 300 yards of total offense in route to the big win.

The defense chipped in with inspired play as well, forcing three turnovers and limiting the Raton offense to a little over 100 yards on the night while holding them scoreless. This is the first time any team has been held to goose eggs since the rivalry was renewed in 2006.

“I think we executed well,” said Miners head coach Randy Begano, who is back in the driver’s seat after sitting out last season. “We put the ball on the ground a few times and that could have hurt us, we need to work on that. But

we did a good job controlling the line of scrimmage and moving the ball, that is a key for us. I give a lot of credit to the offensive line. They played really well tonight.”

Ferraro accounted for 100 yards of offense and managed Begano’s trademark veer offense to perfection. The sophomore had touchdown runs of 16 and 38 yards and also added a 40-yard touchdown pass to Izzy Manzanares late in the first quarter to extend the Miners lead to 21-0. “Vance is getting better. Our veer attack is three headed and we had it all working right tonight. We ran the ball well; our passing game was on point, when you have 10 guys stacked up in the box you have to throw it sometime,” said Begano.

The win moves the Miners record to 2-0 on the season. They will be on the road against Rye this week and Alamosa next week before returning home for a meeting with Tri-Peaks League foe, Florence on September 26. Rye comes into the game with a 2-1 record and a very potent offensive attack that is capable of scoring points in bunches and in a multitude ways. The Miners will have their hands full as they look to slow down running back Trey Zupanic, who is averaging seven yards per carry and has amassed 700 yards rushing on the season thus far. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## WILDCAT FOOTBALL

### Aguilar suffers season’s second loss

By Adam Sperandio  
The Chronicle-News

The Aguilar Wildcats dropped their second contest of the season Saturday as the Walsh Eagles defeated them by a final score of 63-0 in Aguilar.

It has been a rough start to the season for the Cats who have been outscored 100-0 in five quarters of play. The first-year team has struggled to move the ball offensively and hasn’t

looked much better on the defensive side of the ball.

The young squad is playing tough however, despite being out numbered and outscored. First year head coach Bryan Porter will have his hands full next week as the Cats travel to Antonito for a South West Conference matchup with the 2-0 Trojans. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. Aguilar will be at home again on September 20 to square off against Cheraw for homecoming with a 1 p.m. kickoff.



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Aguilar Wildcat return man Cody Simpson breaks free of a tackle in first quarter action against Walsh in Aguilar on Saturday. The Cats lost the game to the Eagles by a final score of 63-0



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